

Central Board Minutes
May 12, 1954

The meeting was called to order in the President's office by Don Chaney.

STUDENT UNION

Pres. McFarland explained the plans for the present Student Union. He said the administration wished to begin utilizing the two upper floors for arts and crafts. He also suggested calling the building the Student Arts and Crafts building, and he added that Little Theater activities would be moved into the Student Union theater.

The following motion by Gaughan, seconded by Abbott, was passed unanimously: In return for developing arts and crafts work and the maintenance of the building, the University may utilize and develop the two upper floors and the theater of the Student Union beginning in June, 1954 and, when the new Union facilities now under construction are completed, the remainder of the building, at which time the building shall be renamed, "Student Arts and Crafts building." The building shall remain available to reasonable use for other student activities. Students will be included in coordination of all arts and crafts programs and auditorium use.

Briggs asked for a specific description of what the benefits to the students would be. The President explained that benefit to students would be given through advantages of additional student activities and maintenance. Professional instructors would be hired to teach classes and then help with extra-curricular activities.

He said the dean of the fine arts school will direct faculty management. A committee will handle the overall affairs of arts and crafts, and he suggested separating management of the Union and the arts and crafts, because if the two were combined arts and crafts would get the tail end.

The President guaranteed that the administration will see that students have adequate funds for their program--more of a program than at present.

\$40,000 SET FOR GOLF COURSE

President McFarland suggested that instead of using the ASMSU reserve for an outright grant to the golf course, the students loan the money to the University at a rate of interest, and allow the administration to use it in several recreational projects.

Gaughan made the following motion, seconded by Abbott, that: Instead of using such funds as an outright grant for golf course purposes as heretofore authorized, the President of MSU is authorized to utilize, on a loan basis, reserve student funds up to \$40,000 to provide a golf course, skating rink, and swimming pool facilities or so much or so many thereof as may be possible in that order of preference on such terms and conditions as may be determined by him in consultation with Central board or such members thereof as are available and with or without other funds from other sources, such projects to be operated on a self-liquidating basis under Field House or University supervision. The board approved the motion unanimously.

Members of Central board who will remain in Missoula this summer will help draw up the agreement with the president. It was suggested that the well digging should be included in the \$40,000 loan. The president agreed that a minimum reserve of about \$3,000 should be kept in the reserve, and that the loan would allow this due to bonds which are maturing this summer, amounting to \$2,000.

NAMING THE NEW STUDENT UNION

President McFarland pointed out that the new Student Union should be named. Names suggested included: MSU Student Union, Montana Union, University Center (preferred), Clapp Memorial Center. He added that rooms would have to be named and decorations and furnishings planned.

Chaney said one meeting will have to be devoted to planning for the secretary of student activities and the administration of the Union.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley DeForth

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ASMSU Secretary

Present: Chaney, DeForth, Gaughan, Leuthold, Abbott, Lambros, Wunderlich, Briggs,
and President McFarland